

Today in the fellowship hall, join us as we continue our worship series, *We Live, We Love*. Our sermon is entitled *Wrestling with God*. We all wrestle with life and love, especially during big events or transitions. Before Jacob crossed into the promised land, he was afraid and wrestled with God. What if this story was told from God's point of view? What might God be trying to show us about life and love?

**Genesis 32:22-32 New Living Translation (NLT):**

<sup>22</sup> During the night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two servant wives, and his eleven sons and crossed the Jabbok River with them. <sup>23</sup> After taking them to the other side, he sent over all his possessions. <sup>24</sup> This left Jacob all alone in the camp, and a man came and wrestled with him until the dawn began to break. <sup>25</sup> When the man saw that he would not win the match, he touched Jacob's hip and wrenched it out of its socket. <sup>26</sup> Then the man said, "Let me go, for the dawn is breaking!" But Jacob said, "I will not let you go unless you bless me." <sup>27</sup> "What is your name?" the man asked. He replied, "Jacob." <sup>28</sup> "Your name will no longer be Jacob," the man told him. "From now on you will be called Israel, because you have fought with God and with men and have won." <sup>29</sup> "Please tell me your name," Jacob said. "Why do you want to know my name?" the man replied. Then he blessed Jacob there. <sup>30</sup> Jacob named the place Peniel (which means "face of God"), for he said, "I have seen God face to face, yet my life has been spared." <sup>31</sup> The sun was rising as Jacob left Peniel, and he was limping because of the injury to his hip. <sup>32</sup> (Even today the people of Israel don't eat the tendon near the hip socket because of what happened that night when the man strained the tendon of Jacob's hip.)

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You will find the words and responses on the screens during the Contemporary worship service. The general order we follow each Sunday is:

- Gathering:** Praise Songs and Greeting
- Gratitude:** Offering and Prayer
- God's Word:** Scripture and Message
- Going:** Praise Song and Sending

*The prayer shawl represents the sharing of God's love and grace and is for you to take for yourself or give to someone who is suffering with despair, loss, or illness.*



- Songs in Today's Service:**
- Your Grace is Enough* by Chris Tomlin
  - Hallelujah, Your Love is Amazing* by Brenton Brown
  - We Believe* by Newsboys
  - Just Be Held* by Casting Crowns
  - He Reigns* by Newsboys

*These and other praise songs can be found on PER 90.5 FM. Listening will improve your week.*

*We are building our contemporary worship team. If you would like to sing, play, or be part of our audio/visual team, please contact Brian Mahne at [bmahne@shadygroveumc.net](mailto:bmahne@shadygroveumc.net).*

Will you be loyal to Shady Grove United Methodist Church and uphold your church by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness?

The church finances are updated monthly on the website, [www.shadygroveumc.net/finance](http://www.shadygroveumc.net/finance), and include finance committee perspectives. We encourage you to review routinely to glean insights on both the operating budget and debt management. Hard copies are available upon request.

**ATTENDANCE for 10/22/2017**

8:15	9:30	11:00	Cont.	Total	SS	COW
40	150	108	85	383	110	12

**Sunday 10/29**

- Regular Worship Schedule
- Testify Rehearsal (FH) 9:30-10:30 am
- An Out-of-the-Box Christmas Rehearsal
  - Grades 1-5 (Sanctuary) 3:30-5:00 pm
  - 3 years-kindergarten (Sanctuary) 4:15-5:00 pm
- Girl Scout Troop 5107 (EB 202/203) 4:00-5:30 pm
- Stand Together RVA (FH) 4:00-6:00 pm
- G-3 (Chapel Bldg.) 5:00-6:00 pm
- Rowdy MOMs Bible Study (Chapel Bldg. C-3) 5:00-6:00 pm
- Middle School Large Group (DOG House) 6:00-7:00 pm
- High School Large Group (DOG House) 7:30-8:30 pm

**Monday 10/30**

- Preschool Halloween Parade (Traffic Circle) 11:30-11:45 am

**Tuesday 10/31**

- Staff Meeting (Church Office) 10:00-11:30 am
- Preschool Halloween Parade (Traffic Circle) 11:30-11:45 am

**Wednesday 11/1**

- Alzheimer's Association Support Group (DOG House) 9:30-11:00 am
- An Out-of-the-Box Christmas DRAMA Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 4:30-5:45 pm
- Bistro (FH) 5:15-6:15 pm
- Faith Care Infant/Toddler Nursery (EB 111) 6:15-7:15 pm
- Little Hands – Twos (EB 105) 6:15-7:15 pm
- Bible Zone grades 1-5 (EB 209) 6:15-7:15 pm
- SonShine Singers (Sanctuary) 6:15-6:45 pm
- Sprouts – Threes to Fives (EB 106) 6:45-7:15 pm
- Youth Small Group (DOG House) 6:15-7:15 pm
- Rowdy MOMs (EB 201) 6:15-7:15 pm
- Man to Men (EB 202) 6:15-7:15 pm
- Disciple Fast Track II (EB 203) 6:15-7:15 pm
- Connection Group (EB 206) 6:15-7:15 pm
- Testify Rehearsal (FH) 7:15-8:15 pm
- How Should a King Come Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 7:15-8:30 pm
- Meditation with Kate (Library) 7:30-8:15 pm
- Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 8:30-9:00 pm

**Thursday 11/2**

- UMM Bible Study (DOG House) 6:45-7:45 am
- Girl Scout Troop 5720 (EB 202) 5:30-6:30 pm
- UMM Dinner and Meeting (FH) 5:30-9:00 pm
- Richmond Christian Singles Bible Study (EB 206) 7:00-8:30 pm
- Boy Scouts – Troop 735 (EB 202/203) 7:00-9:00 pm

**Friday 11/3**

- Middle School Breakfast (Chick-fil-A) 7:20 am
- Women's Bible Study (Chapel Bldg. C-2) 9:45-11:00 am

**Saturday 11/4**

- AA Meeting (DOG House) 9:00-10:00 am
- CCC Pop Up Shop (FH) 9:00 am-2:00 pm

**Sunday 11/5**

- Regular Worship Schedule
- Testify Rehearsal (FH) 9:30-10:30 am
- An Out-of-the-Box Christmas Rehearsal
  - Grades 1-5 (Sanctuary) 3:30-5:00 pm
  - 3 years-kindergarten (Sanctuary) 4:15-5:00 pm
- Children's Council Meeting (EB 205) 3:00-4:45 pm
- G-3 (Chapel Bldg. & FH) 5:00-6:00 pm
- Rowdy MOMs Bible Study (Chapel Bldg. C-3) 5:00-6:00 pm
- OCC Packing Party (FH) 5:00-6:00 pm
- Middle School Large Group (DOG House) 6:00-7:00 pm
- High School Large Group (DOG House) 7:30-8:30 pm



**Sunday, October 29, 2017**

**THIS WEEK AT SHADY GROVE**

**Shady Grove United Methodist Church Short Pump**  
 4825 Pouncey Tract Road  
 Glen Allen VA 23059  
 (804)360-2600  
[www.shadygroveumc.net](http://www.shadygroveumc.net)

**Regular Sunday Schedule**

<u>8:15 am</u>	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary
<u>9:30 am</u>	Informal Traditional Worship	Sanctuary
	Nursery Faith Care (infants-age 2)	Education Building
	3 Years-5th Grade Sunday School	Education Building
	Youth Sunday School	Chapel Building
	Adult Sunday School	Chapel Building
<u>11:00 am</u>	Informal Traditional Worship	Sanctuary
	Contemporary Worship	Fellowship Hall
	Nursery Faith Care (infants-age 2)	Education Building
	<b>Children's Own Worship</b>	Chapel

## Announcements for October 29, 2017



We are glad you are here. It is our hope that you will find our worship meaningful and life-giving. If you are searching for a church home or are interested in learning more about Shady Grove UMC, please stop by the welcome center today, call the church office at 360-2600 or email Debbie Hockemeyer at [dhockemeyer@shadygroveumc.net](mailto:dhockemeyer@shadygroveumc.net).

### TODAY

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Scriptural readings become "scripture stories" in our *We Live, We Love* worship series. Contact Sylvia Cooper at [scooper@shadygroveumc.net](mailto:scooper@shadygroveumc.net) or at 360-2600, ext. 40 if you would like to be involved in the presentations in the sanctuary.

United Methodist Men's Stew is available for pick up between worship services in the fellowship hall kitchen. Quarts are \$7 or 3 quarts for \$20. Contact Ed Mekalian at [edmekalian@mac.com](mailto:edmekalian@mac.com) or 301-1522 or Dave Adkins at [adkinsdx@yahoo.com](mailto:adkinsdx@yahoo.com) or 651-1487.

Flu Shot Clinic at SGUMC – A team from the CVS pharmacy located inside Target will be in room 101 of the education building next Sunday, November 5, from 10:15 am to 12:30 pm to administer flu shots. Insurance, including Medicare Part B, will be filed for payment. Pick up an insurance form from the welcome centers in the sanctuary and fellowship hall today. No appointment needed on November 5. Sponsored by the Health Team. Contact Caroline Walters with questions, [carolinewalt89@gmail.com](mailto:carolinewalt89@gmail.com).

Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes now available – Help us reach our goal of 500 shoebox gifts from SGUMC! Please take home and pack shoeboxes as a family and return your gift filled shoeboxes by Sunday, November 12, for dedication at morning worship services. Please also consider packing shoeboxes with your church family at our Shoebox Packing Party next Sunday, November 5, from 5:00 to 6:00 pm in the fellowship hall. Sign up to bring supplies to the Packing Party at [tinyurl.com/sgumcocc2017](http://tinyurl.com/sgumcocc2017). Questions about Operation Christmas Child? Email Dottie Chilton at [dottie.chilton@gmail.com](mailto:dottie.chilton@gmail.com) or visit [www.shadygroveumc.net/occ](http://www.shadygroveumc.net/occ).

Pack a cleaning bucket! Are you looking for a concrete way to help with hurricane recovery efforts? Consider packing a cleaning bucket for delivery to the UMCOR warehouse to replenish their supplies. The missions committee is offering instruction sheets in the foyers of the sanctuary and fellowship hall. Fill a bucket and drop off on the screen porch of the church office. Buckets will be dedicated in worship on November 26. Questions? Contact Gregg Butler in the office at 360-2600 or [gbutler@shadygroveumc.net](mailto:gbutler@shadygroveumc.net) or Rick Dodge at [thedodges4@comcast.net](mailto:thedodges4@comcast.net).

Never too early to start your Christmas Shopping! Gift cards make great gifts for all your shopping needs and with thousands of options, including restaurants, retailers, automotive, grocery, and more, there is something for everyone! You can purchase gift cards at face value and the youth ministry receives a percentage of the sale. Be sure to check out the gift card table on Sunday mornings in the sanctuary foyer or download an order form from [www.shadygroveumc.net/youth-documents](http://www.shadygroveumc.net/youth-documents) to see many other cards you can purchase. Questions? Contact Frank Basil at [youth@shadygroveumc.net](mailto:youth@shadygroveumc.net).

Rehearsals for this year's children's Christmas musical, *An Out-of-the-Box Christmas*, continue today from 3:30 to 5:00 pm in the sanctuary for children in grades 1 - 5. Children ages 3 years - kindergarten join from 4:15 to 5:00 pm. Drama rehearsals are on Wednesdays from 4:30 to 5:45 pm in the sanctuary. Questions? Contact Sylvia Cooper at [scooper@shadygroveumc.net](mailto:scooper@shadygroveumc.net) or Pastor Beanie at [bkelly@shadygroveumc.net](mailto:bkelly@shadygroveumc.net).

### THIS WEEK

Alzheimer's Support Group – We are pleased to host the Alzheimer's Association of Greater Richmond who is launching a brand new support group geared towards younger adults caring for and supporting loved ones with Alzheimer's or other dementias. The meeting will be held on the first Wednesday of the month (November 1 and December 6 this year), 9:30-11:00 am in the D.O.G. House (4703 Shady Grove Road). NOTE: Child care is not provided, but it is a child-friendly environment. Please call 804-967-2583 for more information or email Jessica Samet at [jsamet@alz.org](mailto:jsamet@alz.org).

Join us Wednesday nights at Shady Grove Bistro – Dinner is served 5:15 to 6:15 pm in the fellowship hall. RSVP on our website, [www.shadygroveumc.net/shady-grove-bistro](http://www.shadygroveumc.net/shady-grove-bistro) or call 360-3907, ext. 46 by noon Tuesdays. Adults: \$7, Child: \$3, Family (parents & children): \$20. Menu for November 1 - Italian meal of meat or vegetarian lasagna and caprese salad.

Join the Christmas Cantata, *How Should a King Come*, Choir Rehearsal from 7:15-8:30 pm. Youth and adults are encouraged to be a part of this short term choir opportunity. Accompanied by orchestra, the musical will include narration as well as nativity non-speaking drama: the Holy Family, wise men, and shepherds. If you would like to be a part of the drama, please contact Sylvia at [scooper@shadygroveumc.net](mailto:scooper@shadygroveumc.net). *How Should a King Come* will be presented on Saturday, December 16, at 7:00 pm and Sunday morning, December 17, at 9:30 and 11:00 am worship services.

All men and high school boys of the church are invited to attend the United Methodist Men's gathering on Thursday, November 2, for dinner and the monthly meeting. Our guest speaker will be Hunter Leemon, Executive Director of Sportable, an organization that seeks to transform the lives of people with physical and visual disabilities through sports. Gather at 5:30, eat at 6:00 pm. Menu is meatloaf, green beans, mashed potatoes and gravy, and cherry pie bars. Childcare is provided. Please RSVP to Ed Mekalian at [edmekalian@mac.com](mailto:edmekalian@mac.com).

All Saints Sunday is next Sunday, November 5 – You are invited to bring a picture of your departed saints (from Shady Grove and beyond) to the church office by Thursday, November 2, for placement in the sanctuary and fellowship hall on All Saints Sunday. Please label with your name and your worship service. Also, on All Saints Sunday, please have in your mind the names of your living saints to call out in our time of prayer. Questions? Contact Gregg Butler at 360-2600 or [gbutler@shadygroveumc.net](mailto:gbutler@shadygroveumc.net).

The Caring Clothes Closet's 4th annual Pop Up Shop is Saturday, November 4, from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm in the fellowship hall! Make plans now to come to this holiday market for "one stop shopping," featuring local vendors specializing in handmade items, woodworking, baked goods, unique gifts, jewelry, bags, clothing, scarves, home decor, natural beauty, and organic skin care. [www.caringclothescloset.org](http://www.caringclothescloset.org)

### COMING UP

Annual Charge Conference is Sunday, November 12 – All members of the church are invited to attend the annual charge conference on Sunday, November 12, at 3:00-5:30 pm. The Richmond District is taking a new approach to charge conferences this year and is holding "cluster conferences" where churches of a similar size will share in charge conference presentations. Our cluster conference will be held at Good Shepherd UMC (9155 Hungary Road) and will also include Mt. Pisgah, Reveille, Shady Grove (Mechanicsville), St. Mark's, Trinity, and Woodlake UMCs. Each church will make an 8 minute presentation to all members which will be a song, skit, video, or artistic creation that represents a central theme of their church's discipleship efforts. After the presentations each church will move to a separate room to conduct the usual business of charge conference, which includes adopting clergy compensation for 2018 and electing officers and leaders. Questions? Contact Gregg Butler at 360-2600 or [gbutler@shadygroveumc.net](mailto:gbutler@shadygroveumc.net) or speak with Pastor Chris or Pastor Beanie.

Senior Brunch and Program Tuesday, November 14 – Join us at 10:30 am in Chapel Hall for a brunch. Please bring a dish to share. The two ladies who compose the duet RETRO will sing for our group. If interested, please RSVP to Betsy Katko at [bjkatko@comcast.net](mailto:bjkatko@comcast.net) or 360-5057 by Sunday, November 12.

Youth Choir JAM Concert is Sunday, November 18. All are invited to attend the free concert at 3:00 pm at River Road Baptist, 8000 River Road. Youth Choir JAM is an ecumenical youth choir festival presenting sacred choral literature. Sylvia Cooper and Shady Grove youth will be participating for the 11th year. Visit [www.youthchoirjam.org](http://www.youthchoirjam.org) for more information.

Sign up now to serve with the Appalachia Service Project in Brenton, WV, Monday, April 2 - Friday, April 6, 2018. Expected cost is \$410-425. Financial aid is available. Youth age 16 and older with a parent and all adults are invited to serve. Contact for the trip is Mark Tuttle, [mark987@hushmail.com](mailto:mark987@hushmail.com) or 382-6826.

In addition to the names listed below, we pray for the written and unwritten prayers received through the Prayer Request Cards.

#### PRAYER CONCERNS

Rev. David Adkins, Cam Akers, Tori Anderson, Rachael Bradfield (daughter-in-law of Glenn and Sylvia Cooper), Lucy Chenery, Annie Davenport (aunt of Crystal Foster), Kim Dodson (mother of Shana Miller), Pat Edwards, Joan England (mother of Allyson Drake), Lachlan Fender (nephew of Jeff and Sara Fender), Betty Finley, Cheryl Fitzgerald (sister of Donna Noble), Judie Foster (mother of Steven Foster), Ann Gooch (mother of Anita Schrunk), Ray Gudum, Tommy Harris, Ryan Hartsook (son-in-law of Ruth Powell), Peggy Hill, Bev Hires, John Holmes (Uncle of Crystal Foster), Terry Hoover (father of Haylee Douglas), Betsy Katko, Kelsey Lewia (daughter of Rick and Debbie Bragga), Jane Mackey (mother of Roger Mackey), Robert McNamara, Pam Melton (daughter of Sylvia Chartier), Diane Morrison, Ginger Perkin (daughter of Dave and Diane Bennett), Rick Robertson (brother of Martha Anne Martin), Betty Ross (grandmother of Crystal Foster), Amira Safwat, Mildred Shafer (mother of John Shafer), Rob Troisi, Sara Walker, David Webster (cousin of Carrie LeCrom), Ann White (mother of Pat Edwards)

#### Homebound

Aleida Bultman-Brookdale, Beverly Robertson (mother of Martha Anne Martin), Shirley Ronquest-Crump Manor, Linda Stone-Our Lady of Hope

#### Global Missionaries

Heather and James-Location undisclosed, Nico Chantel-Europe, Fishers 4 Him-Dominican Republic, Eva and Lindsay Gilliam-Southeast Asia, Laura and Timo Harkonen-US and Democratic Republic of the Congo, Liz Jackson-Philippines, Quynh-Hoa Nguyen-Vietnam



**Connection Group Discussion Questions**  
**For the week of October 29, 2017** **Genesis 32:22-32**  
*These questions are to be used as a spring board for discussion.*  
*Answers may or may not be found in the sermons.*

1. Read Genesis 32:24. The sentence might sound like a contradiction. How might it make sense?
2. When do people feel alone? Jacob tricked his brother out of his birthright. Now many years later, Jacob is preparing to face his brother again. Describe how that might cause him to feel alone?
3. If the scripture passage said that Jacob was struggling with an issue, what might that have been? How could wrestling with such issues also be a wrestling with God?
4. Most wrestling matches have a winner and a loser. Who wins this match? Why?
5. What does it mean for Jacob to have a new name? What new names have you been called in the course of your life? Where might God have been in the struggle or process for gaining that new name?